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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson  
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SUBJECT: Agency Relationship with GSA

REFERENCE: Draft Paper on Agency Relationship with GSA,  
dated 7 October 1980

1. There are two sections of the draft paper that discuss areas of concern to us in ODP: ADPE procurement and building maintenance.

2. With respect to the ADPE procurement, we endorse the position taken that the delegation from GSA for ADPE has been advantageous to the Agency. Our experience has shown time and again that we are able to procure and install computer equipment in a timeframe that in many instances is years sooner than other government organizations. Our ability to remain close to the leading edge in computer equipment technology is very much dependent upon this authority. It has served us very well.

3. On building maintenance, it is most distressing to learn of the deplorable state of emergency equipment. With the large dependence of most Agency components on our computers we have invested substantial sums to provide for backup power. As more and more critical applications have come into service on our computers the amount of time that we can tolerate being without power has shrunk to the point where a power outage of one hour during the day affects hundreds of our users. We strongly support the position that utilities (electricity and chilled water) must be continuously available to both computers and communications equipment. Much of our near real-time processing of cable traffic is dependent upon both our computers and computer equipment in the Office of Communications. Critical computer functions must not be interrupted by either scheduled or unforeseen events. GSA must ensure that all backup equipment is properly maintained and operated.

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